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In re Application of	:	
Andrys et al.	:	ON PETITION
Application No. 10/691,115	:	
Filed: October 21, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. SK00002C1	:	

This is a decision on the reconsideration petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed March 6, 2008.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

Applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application set forth in the amendment filed January 23, 2008.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, the instant nonprovisional application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, practitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, practitioner must notify the Office.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

***The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.***

With respect to the reconsideration petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a): Petitioners have supplied a copy of the declaration from Application No. 09/693,398 and the undersigned has obtained a copy of the decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 1.47, mailed August 28, 2001. Said decision is part of this application file.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is granted. Thus, the amendment to the specification to perfect the benefit claim to Application No. 09/693,398 and add a benefit claim to Provisional Application No. 60/238,846 has been accepted.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioners have obtained Rule § 1.47 status in the present application. The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is granted.


The Office will not forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor because notice regarding the filing of the previous application was given.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed non-provisional and provisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2817 for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

  
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Enclosure: corrected Filing Receipt



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**CONFIRMATION NO. 5326**

**CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**



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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a CON of 09/693,398 10/21/2000 PAT 6,639,470  
which claims benefit of 60/238,846 10/06/2000

**Foreign Applications**

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 01/21/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/691,115**

**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

CONSTANT CURRENT BIASING CIRCUIT FOR LINEAR POWER AMPLIFIERS

**Preliminary Class**

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